

# ESSENTIAL MOTTOES FOR VJCL ACADEMIC CONTESTS

## STATE MOTTOES

District of Columbia -- Iustitia omnibus -- Justice for all

Kansas -- Ad astra per aspera -- to the stars through difficulties

Wyoming -- Cedant arma togae -- Let arms yield to the toga (peace)

Idaho -- Esto perpetua -- May it last forever

West Virginia -- Montani semper liberi -- Mountaineers are always free

New York -- Excelsior -- Ever upward/higher

North Carolina -- Esse quam videri -- to be rather than to seem

Oklahoma -- Labor omnia vincit -- Work conquers all

Arkansas -- Regnat populus -- the people rule

Arizona -- Ditat Deus -- God enriches

Michigan -- Si quaeris paeninsulam amoenam circumspice -- If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look around you

Mississippi - Virtute et armis -- by valor and arms

South Carolina –

Dum spiro, spero -- While there's life, there's hope -- While I breathe, I hope

Animis opibusque parati -- Prepared in mind and resources

Maryland -- Scuto bonae voluntatis Tuae coronasti nos -- with the shield of Thy goodwill  
Thou has covered us

Massachusetts -- Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem -- with the sword she seeks calm  
peace under liberty

Maine -- Dirigo -- I point the way

New Mexico -- Crescit eundo -- it grows as it goes

Colorado -- Nil sine numine -- nothing without divine guidance

Connecticut -- Qui transtulit sustinet -- He who transplanted, sustains

Virginia -- Sic semper tyrannis -- thus ever to tyrants

Alabama -- Audemus iura nostra defendere -- we dare defend our rights

Missouri -- Salus populi suprema lex esto -- the welfare of the people shall be the supreme  
law

Oregon -- Alis volat propriis -- He flies by his own wings

## COLLEGE MOTTOES

Artes, scientia, veritas: Arts, knowledge, truth

University of Michigan

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Civium in moribus rei publicae salus: The welfare of the states lies in the character of its citizens.

University of Florida

Crescat scientia, vita excolatur: Let knowledge grow, let life be enriched

University of Chicago

Disciplina praesidium civitatis: Training, the defense of the state

University of Texas

Ecce quam bonum: Behold how good

University of the South (Sewanee)

In Deo speramus: In God we trust

Brown University

In lumine tuo videbimus lumen: In your light, we shall see the light

Columbia University

Litteris dedicata et omnibus artibus: Dedicated to letters and all the arts

University of Nebraska

Lux et lex: Light and law

University of North Dakota

Lux et veritas: Light and truth

Yale University

Lux hominum vita: Light, the life of men

University of New Mexico

Lux sit: Let there be light

University of Washington

Mens agitat molem: Mind moves the mass

University of Oregon

Mihi cura futuri: My care is for the future

Hunter College

Nil sine magno labore: Nothing without great labor

Brooklyn College

Non sibi, sed suis: Not for herself, but for her own

Tulane University

Perstare et praestare: To persevere and surpass

New York University

Pro ecclesia et patria: For church and country

Trinity College

Respice, adspice, prospice: Look to the past, look to the present, look to the future

City College of New York

Salus populi: The welfare of the people

University of Missouri

Sapientia et doctrina: Wisdom and knowledge

Fordham University

Scientia sol mentis: Knowledge, the sun of the mind

Delaware College

Studiis et rebus honestis: To honorable pursuits and deeds

University of Vermont

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Terras irradiant: Let them illuminate the earth

Amherst College

Veritas: Truth

Harvard University

Veritas vos liberabit: The truth will set you free

Johns Hopkins University

Virtute et armis: By valor and arms

University of Mississippi

Vox clamantis in deserto: The voice of one crying in the wilderness

Dartmouth College

### MISCELLANEOUS MOTTOES

ars artis gratia -- art for the sake of art -- Metro- Goldwyn - Mayer logo

e pluribus unum --one out of many -- U.S. motto, found on all currency

Annuit Coeptis -- he (God) looks with favor on our undertakings --found on \$1 bill

Novus Ordo Seclorum -- A new order of the ages -- found on \$1 bill

semper fidelis -- always faithful --U.S. Marine Corps

semper paratus -- always prepared -- U.S. Coast Guard

festina lente -- make haste slowly -- Augustus

A mari usque ad mare -- from sea to sea -- National motto of Canada

citius, altius, fortius -- swifter, higher, stronger -- motto of modern Olympics

fluctuat nec mergitur -- she is tossed by the waves yet is not sunk -- motto of Paris

domine dirige nos --guide us, Lord -- motto of London

SPQR -- senatus populusque Romanus, the Senate and the People of Rome -- motto of ancient Rome

ad maiorem dei gloriam -- to the greater glory of god -- motto of the Jesuits

in varietate concordia -- unity in diversity -- motto of EU

unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno -- one for all , all for one -- motto of Switzerland and (Dumas') The Three Musketeers

draco dormiens nunquam titillandus -- never tickle a sleeping dragon -- motto of Hogwarts (in Harry Potter series)

dominus illuminatio mea -- the Lord is my light -- motto of the University of Oxford

disce aut discede -- learn or leave -- motto of many schools worldwide, including King's School, Rochester (allegedly the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest school in the world)